

Hunter builds combat support capacity, erects new hangar during deployment

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They don't call it a heavy power projection platform for nothing. And the Hunter Army Airfield machine that launched a heavy division halfway around the world is just getting started.

When the division is in garrison, its Immediate Ready Company stands by, ready to deploy anywhere in the world in a matter of hours and the airfield can move a battalion within a day, a brigade in three and by the time the 3rd Infantry Division returns from Iraq, construction projects already underway at Hunter make the installation's power projection ability more powerful than ever.

Much of Hunter's military facilities were built during the Korean War, when the installation served as a Strategic Air Command base. After the Persian Gulf War, the National Command Authority decided the military needed the ability to project heavy forces from the continental United States and the Marne Division was assigned the mission.

At that time the staging area, on a remote corner of Hunter's tarmac, was not an ideal place for loading a force package of 70-ton

tanks, armored personnel carriers, and Bradley fighting vehicles.

Once loaded, the C-17 cargo planes had to make a sharp U-turn before taxiing to the flight line; C-5s had to back out of the loading area.

Space was also at a premium. Cramped quarters in an old hangar used to store IRC equipment left only inches between parked vehicles.

"There was no room. (Vehicles) were literally parked about this close (indicating with his hands a few inches of separation)," Lt. Col. Jeffrey Goble, garrison commander, Hunter Army Airfield, said. "It was difficult just to get in and maintain things."

The new buildings include more space, and a parachute rigging facility for airborne units.

Soldiers assigned to the ready company must train to load their equipment quickly, so steel and concrete mockups will mimic the size and shapes of the loading ramps and the cargo holds of the C-17 and C-5 aircraft.

Across the street, in Saber Hall- a 1950's-era command and control center also left over from the airfields' days as a Strategic Air Command Base, the installa-

tion hosted command post and field-training exercises. The exercises included highly-deployable special operations command units stationed at Hunter and elsewhere.

Renovations will make it a more comfortable place for up to 240 soldiers to live and work but it will also be wired with everything necessary to serve as a Joint Task Force headquarters for real-world operations.

"The Chief of Staff of the Army is pushing us to be a part of joint, expeditionary, rapidly deployable forces. This is basically a headquarters installed on an Army facility in Georgia capable of supporting anything," Goble said.

James Thomas, DPW's project manager for the new IRC complex, said Hunter's ability to move soldiers and equipment quickly is already among the best. The new facility increases the Army's ability to launch the company exponentially — the Army's standard is to deploy the ready company within 22 hours. When the aircraft are already on the ground, Hunter can do it in eight, Thomas said. "We can't improve much on that. But we're streamlining the process. What this new project means is, we won't have to expend nearly as many resources to do it," Thomas said.



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Heavy equipment moves building materials as Hunter continues to upgrade its facility.

Garrison receives update on recent fort plans, projects

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Col. John M. Kidd, commanding officer, Ft. Stewart, opened the garrison's recent Townhall meeting with a positive report on the progress being made on post.

Col. Kidd briefed the attendees on the various projects around the post emphasizing the \$138 million budget to accomplish projects such as new housing, upgrading roads and turn lanes in addition to other scheduled commitments. He also pointed out that the future budgets for out years will contain to be in the \$100 million dollar range that emphasizes the Army's commitment to Soldiers, their families and quality of life issues.

To provide an insight into the post's population, he remarked that Ft. Stewart has a stability in dependent numbers even with the 3ID deployed to Iraq. Normally, he said, 10% of family members leave Ft. Stewart as the result of normal change of station or because families return to their home towns following a deployment. However, Ft. Stewart has experienced only a 5 to 7 percent change.

Ft. Stewart's regular population runs around 24,000. With the accession of units arriving in the near term, the garrison will be providing support for an approximately 7,000 more dependents. This, the colonel pointed out, will require the garrison to maintain and even increase the types and quality of services on post.

Col. Kidd also reassured that he is in contact with Maj. Gen. Webster and, had in fact, spoken with him earlier in the day. Col. Kidd reported to the crowd that the division was doing well. He also told the audience that the e-mail service was running and the flow with be steady very soon.

He closed his opening remarks by saying that the garrison and its agencies will do everything they can to help families left behind and plans for assistance were in place, should the need arise.

He also pointed out that several projects had been held in abeyance until the division was

deployed so that upgrades and modifications could be made easier.

Following Col. Kidd's opening remarks, various agencies reported on their recent activities.

- Winn Hospital — Winn Hospital recently received the prestigious Excalibur Award for the hospital's innovation in mobilization and de-mobilization procedures which have been adopted Army wide. Winn also, out of 1,200 employees, will be deploying 69 doctors, nurses and medics in support of OIF III. Reservists and contract hires will provide the back-fill needed.

- Dental — It was noted that February is Children's Dental Health Month. As part of an outreach program, the dental clinic will be visiting the surrounding area schools where post children attend and offering free screenings. Clinic personnel will visit a school a day providing information, dental packets and screenings.

- The director of emergency services addressed the need of keeping Ft. Stewart safe and secured.

- The chaplain reminded everyone that Ash Wednesday is almost here. He also pointed out that Chaplain Sauer was providing family life activities. He also encouraged people to have their children participate in the Kid's Church Program. The program is held each Sunday across from Diamond Elementary 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- MWR reported that while the division is gone there is free child care the first Saturday of each month 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. MWR publishes a program of there upcoming events that can be found in several locations around post.

- The garrison sergeant major assured parents that the garrison will provide transportation for children to get to events and if the parents have a need to contact their neighborhood mayors with their requests. The director of DPW spoke about the new housing construction program at length. He also cited the two access points that have been completed, the turning lane outside the main gate that the Georgia Department of

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Wildlife lie dead in the middle of an access road leading onto Ft. Stewart as the result of environmental contamination. Off to the right is a area that was used by someone as a garbage dump.

Stewart's conservation program to expand

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Recently, Howard Bullard, range control officer, Ft. Stewart, and Greg Harvey, the game warden and representatives of the Forest Service, drove through the southwest perimeter of Ft. Stewart checking access roads and trails leading onto the cantonment as part of a regular program of assessing the environmental needs of the timbered areas

The various agency representatives each brought a different perspective to the sustinment of the post property.

One item, however, was commonly agreed upon — the areas being checked needed greater care to preserve their environmental value. The area that was being examined was littered with trash, thrown out furniture and trash that is not bio-degradable.

The potential for danger and despoiling of the forest areas is very high. People, from the surrounding area, are gaining access to the land and dumping their trash and debris where veer they think they will not be spotted. What is being left behind is a testament to their character — a disregard for the wildlife of the post and the post employees who will have to clean up what is left behind.

Obvious effects of trash dumping range from the toxic chemicals that leech into the ground eventually contaminating the sub surface water to the danger of wildlife eating spoiled food or becoming entangled in wires or cutting themselves on broken glass or metals.

No one knows for sure the exact damage caused by such dumping, but you could almost bet it is extensive. This doesn't even take into consideration the cost to the post to clean up such sites.

Illegal dumping can carry stiff penalties.

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Pay hike expands military benefits in budget

Significant increases in all categories are part of funding plan

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WASHINGTON — A 3.1 percent military basic pay hike, higher housing allowances and more healthcare and educational benefits for the National Guard and Re-serve are all part of the president's proposed fiscal 2006 defense budget unveiled here today.

The package of expanded benefits is part of what a senior defense official called a top priority in the president's \$419.3 billion budget request: "taking care of our forces."

"People are our most important asset. We can't do anything without our folks," the official told Pentagon reporters. "Our forces are the best-trained and best-organized on the globe, and we maintain our commitment to them."

The proposed military pay raise reflects a continued trend in better compen-

sation for servicemembers. Incorporating the 3.1 percent military increase, pay will be up 25 percent since fiscal 2001.

In terms of actual money in troops' pockets, the official told reporters the 3.1 percent increase would raise basic pay for members in the lowest enlisted grade from \$12,000 in fiscal 2005 to \$15,000 next year, and that of a second lieutenant or ensign from \$23,000 to \$28,000.

Similarly, an E-5 who was earning \$30,000 in base pay in fiscal 2001 will be making \$39,000 under the new budget, she said.

Federal civilian workers would receive a 2.3 percent pay hike.

The proposed budget provides a 4 percent increase in the basic housing allowance to reduce and, ideally, eliminate out-of-pocket costs for servicemembers living in private housing.

"In the past, there was as much as an 18 percent out-of-pocket cost for our military," the defense official said.

"And this budget sustains

our no-out-of-pocket cost commitment," he went on to explain.

The budget also keeps Department of Defense on track in its effort to eliminate all inadequate military family housing units in the United States by fiscal 2007, and worldwide by fiscal 2009.

"We are on track" with that effort, the defense official told reporters.

The proposed budget continues to extend privatization to improve military housing and to maximize DoD housing budgets.

By the end of fiscal 2006, the official said, this effort is expected to have produced nearly 172,000 new high-quality family housing units during the past 10 years.

In terms of health care, the proposed budget increases funding for the Defense Health Program, with \$20 billion in direct funding and \$7 billion for military personnel supporting the program.

Officials said this funding level will ensure continuing good health care for servicemembers and their families.

Guard and Reserve mem-

bers will receive additional benefits as well, including expanded Tricare eligibility that provides health coverage up to 90 days before activation and 180 days after mobilization for most members. "This is a significant new benefit," the defense official said.

The budget also includes the Montgomery G.I. Bill for reservists, passed by Congress last year, to provide educational benefits for Guard and Reserve members who have been mobilized.

These troops would qualify for up to 36 months of payments, from \$400 to \$800 a month, depending on the length of active service in support of a contingency operation.

Provisions for quality facilities also are also included in the budget package. The proposed budget funds 92 percent of maintenance requirements.

"So I think what we have here is a healthy benefit package," the official summarized. "We want to maintain our commitment to the forces of the United States."



A mix-breed puppy and his brother patiently wait until they can go home with a family.

Responsible pet care includes a strategic snip

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At Fort Stewart's Veterinary Services, February is dedicated to showing pet owners the benefits of spaying and neutering their four-legged friends.

As the saying goes, less is more in this business of reproductive restriction. Dogs and cats undergoing an operation can rest assured there are no more unexpected mouths to feed — which is good news for an owner too!

Among the military community there are many factors concerning owning pets such as housing restrictions, boarding costs while a Soldier trains and mandatory quarantine periods for international travel are just a few. Due to these requirements, this simple surgery would prevent generations of possibly abandoned or neglected pets.

"I don't think people realize what a burden these animals can be when they don't get them fixed," Staff Sgt. Kevin Gill, noncommissioned officer in charge, Veterinary Services, said.

Gill went on to say that because many irresponsible pet owners do not spay or neuter their pets, many litters go unclaimed and are eventually abandoned. Eventually, those animals end up in the animal shelter, he added. Here on Fort

Stewart, Veterinary Services is, among other things, tasked to destroy such animals.

Unanimously this is the worst part of the job. Caretakers and employees witness about 10 animals being put to sleep each week. They all strongly urge owners to spay or neuter their pets to help hundreds of pets every year avoid such a fate.

The government funds only three days worth of sustenance for captured pets and while local donations and grants help buy a few more days for the animals, the biggest problem is actually space, according to Chris Holmdahl, a Veterinary Services animal caretaker. Because the veterinary office also provides services for the military working dogs assigned here, a certain amount of space and resources must be allotted to accommodate their needs which takes resources away from strays. To make matters worse, the pound on Fort Stewart is not a big one. This is bad news for a stray looking for a no-vacancy sign.

Additionally, funds to care for un-adopted pets come from the same pool as the Veterinary Services Soldier's supply fund the office uses for things like training aids and office supplies leaving little for strays.

Gill compared some people's attitudes toward their pet to "a worn out piece of furniture."

Gill described one possible scenario for a deploying Soldier — "I'm going to Iraq and my spouse doesn't want to deal with the dog." According to Gill, this attitude, in one way or another leads, to about 10 killed pets each week, with a spike in those numbers near deployment times.

Each year, an estimated 54 million pets are put down. That's about 70 percent of the animals that come through the door annually. Only a lucky few, about 10 to 15 percent, make it back to their owners.

"If every (pet) stopped having babies for one year, it would really make a dent in the population," Holmdahl said.

In the coming months, a new policy will go into effect. Pending equipment procurement, micro-chipping of pets registered with the post veterinary office will be mandatory.

Micro-chipping a pet with its owner's name has proved helpful to other posts and communities nationwide by quickly returning stray animals to their rightful owners and reducing the amount of pet abandonment in general.

Until then, let February's message urge you to take a snip, er, trip to the vet. For more information, call the Soldiers and civilians of Veterinary Services at 767-4194..

Army opens center, shows off a new flexible lightweight computer display

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Army officially opened a "Flexible Display Center" at Arizona State University Feb. 4 to develop thin computer screens that bend.

Claude Bolton, assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, joined Arizona state and university officials for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new center. Bolton said flexible, lightweight displays will have an endless array of military and commercial uses.

"Military applications include computer screens that could be integrated as part of a Soldier's uniform or rolled up and carried in the Soldier's pocket, and vehicle displays that are thinner, lighter, more rugged and consume less power," Bolton said.

The Flexible Display Center is

the result of a \$43.7-million cooperative agreement between the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and Arizona State University.

The agreement, signed in February 2004, has a performance period of five years with an option for an additional \$50 million over an added five-year period.

Although the Army provides core funding for the center, the center's focus is on commercial applications.

The Army is leading the effort because there is strong overlap between military needs and potential civilian markets.

The displays are essentially extremely thin computer screens, that will be "integrated with computation, communications and global positioning subsystems," said Army Research Laboratory

Director John Miller, "to significantly enhance the Soldier's situational awareness, survivability and effectiveness."

Bolton called the development of the FDC a milestone.

"The Army's flexible display center, a unique collaboration of large and small businesses, the university and the Army, will provide our Soldiers and our nation with revolutionary information technology capabilities," Bolton said.

Bolton said he remembered the primitive displays used in cockpits when he served as an Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam, saying he flew with computer displays that consisted of a flat glass panel.

"All that is about to change," Bolton said, adding that maybe next year he'll be watching the

Superbowl on an FD screen.

Michael Crow, ASU president, said the new technology could improve situational awareness in the future for Soldiers like former NFL star and ASU alumnus Spc. Pat Tillman, who died last year while serving with an Army Ranger unit in Afghanistan.

"The FDC brings together academia, industry and government to develop what, in essence, will be revolutionary information portals — devices that are small, lightweight, rugged and consume very little power, but they will be very powerful in that they will hold the key to successful military operations — real-time information," Crow said.

J.D. Hayworth, representative from Arizona's fifth congressional district said the development of the



Courtesy Photo

Claude M. Bolton Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, examines a small flexible display. The Army officially opened the Flexible Display Center at Arizona State University, Tempe, on Feb. 4.

FDC was about immediacy.

"This center is about bringing the technology to the warfighter — now!" he said. "Whatever the war's duration, our mission is to ensure that we provide technology now to ensure freedom for the future."

Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, said

his goal is to use technology to take care of Soldiers.

"I need to provide them the best that money and technology can procure," he said. "Flexible displays are the next revolution in information technology that will enable lighter weight, lower power, more rugged systems for portable and vehicle applications."

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Transportation is involved in and other transit points in and around the fort.

- GMH stated that 78 new homes have been opened and are occupied with 30 more coming on line in May. There are 60 scheduled for Liberty Woods and 30 for Southern oaks. All phases of GMH continue on schedule and improvements in service are being made.

- The commissary representative reminded everyone that the deadline for the Military Child Scholarship is Feb. 16. There will also be a late sale until 10 p.m. Feb. 26. In March, patrons will see a spring floral sale.

The AAFES report was last and it was noted that \$10 million improvement budget was planned for Ft. Stewart and Hunter Air Field. In the near term, a Popeye facility will open at Hunter.

The furniture store on post is being renovated and a renovation of Hunter's main facility will happen toward the end of the year. A new shopette is opening on Hunter Avenue near housing and will be a full service facility. Finally, it was reported that a new Starbuck's will be opening at the Education Center.

The attendees were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

Ques.. — Contract personnel

have been seen buying in the shopette. Can they do this? And what products are they authorized to purchase.

Ans.. — Contract personnel are authorized to buy consumables such as soft drinks, snacks, etc. They are not authorized to buy items such as cigarettes, alcohol, etc. If contractors are not being carded or are purchasing unauthorized products, AAFES wants to be informed.

Ques.. — How many housing units are for handicapped use?

Ans.. — GMH responded that 5% are required by contract to be handicapped accessible and equipped.

Ques.. — A question was asked of MWR about the possibility of more shows.

Ans.. — Col. Kidd responded that the types of shows needed to be surveyed and the money allotted in the budget was a prime consideration. In comparison to other posts, it was explained that there was a large difference in the single soldier population which is what budgetarily drives the amount of on hand money.

Ques.. — Can residents get pine straw for landscaping?

Ans.. — DPW will be looking at that and other landscaping issues.

Ques.. — Can we get sidewalks, particularly along

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Diamondhead?

Ans.. — Col. Kidd responded that there was a good possibility but there was more than sidewalks involved. Col. Kidd mentioned the need for sidewalks, drains and parking and these items had been addressed.

Ques.. — There have been nuisance incidents and vandals in the Davis area. What can be done?

Ans.. — There are 11 MP patrols roaming 24 hrs. a day and the patrols will provide more visibility.

Ques.. — There have been problems with repairs, appliance replacement, meeting scheduled appointments, etc. What can be done?

Ans.. — The problems are being addressed and GMH and DPW are actively improving their service.

Ques.. — Are playgrounds being taken out?

Ans.. — There are 72 playgrounds in all types of conditions. Currently, GMH is inspecting and evaluating them. The bad ones will be closed and others will be upgraded.

Ques.. — Can we get security fences?

Ans.. — Col. Kidd pointed out that fencing is a major concern. Due to the amount of money necessary, the process will take quite a while.

Garbage

and firing range. It is a trust for the American people and the Army. As stewards of the land, we are entrusted with its care. Towards that end, the Forest Service keeps dangerous under brush under control. The game warden ensures that poachers are deterred and hunters are abiding by game limits. And, there is a concerted effort to preserve and maintain the eight endangered species which use the post as their home.

Every aspect of the fort is symbiotic. Each element requires attention so it can maintain its balance in the ecosystem. You have toxic waste leakage from batteries - the underground water source eventually becomes contaminated. Spoiled or rancid foods or drinks can account for animal deaths such as those pictured. Then other scavengers feed upon the carcasses and the poison gets passed along. And so it goes.

Materials thrown into the forest areas take tens of years to breakdown, if they breakdown at all and trashed sites may go long periods of time before they are discovered. It is a sort of fiduciary responsibility of everyone who uses the fort's land to provide the stewardship to keep it pristine and biologically viable. As home to the eight endangered species so far identified, their quality of life makes all the difference in the world.

Currently, the Fish and Wildlife Department and visiting ecologist Dr. Bruce Means of Florida State University, among others, have been taking a pro active interest in the biological equation on the fort. Recently, Dr. Means visited the fort as part of a scientific investigation he is conducting involving one of our endangered species, the indigo snake, and also to look for the eastern diamond-back rattle snake. These animals and others provide a valuable service to the Stewart ecosystem. We will be featuring a story on the indigo snake in an upcoming edition of the Frontline.

Combined with range management, federal agencies and university interest, the overall goal of

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the land management system and ecological support services is aimed at making Ft. Stewart a model for federal land use purposes. One of the biggest impacts on the program is not the people in the field who respond to the changing needs of the environment, but, it is the ordinary people who use the land, whether it is for recreation or training. Despoiling the fort through indiscriminant trash dumping takes something away from everyone in our community. With vigilance, all the species on Ft. Stewart can make a comeback and several are doing this that. All it takes is human cooperation.



Garbage lines both sides of the road on the outer perimeter of Ft. Stewart.



Army women sweep Navy for first time in 11 years with 89-81 victory

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WEST POINT, N.Y. — Freshman Cara Enright scored a career-high 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Army women's basketball team to a triumphant 89-81 victory over arch-rival Navy Sunday afternoon at Christl Arena. Army, which swept Navy for the first time since 1993-94, improves to 12-10 overall, 5-4 in the Patriot League, while Navy falls to 7-15 overall, 3-6 in the conference.

Army led wire-to-wire after a fast start which saw the Black Knights go up by 10 just over seven minutes into the contest. The Black Knights led by as many as 14 on two occasions, the last with 1:46 remaining (43-29). Shavonne Holden hit a pair of free throws for Army's 42nd and 43rd points of the half, the most by an Army team in one stanza this season. But the Mids made a run in that final 1:46, scoring eight straight points to close within six at the break. Abi Campbell hit a pair of three-pointers and Lauren Skrel knocked down two foul shots as Navy drew to within 43-37 at halftime.

Enright and Holden combined for 27 of Army's season-high 43 first half points while sophomore Jen Hansen tallied nine points as Army shot 51.7 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes.

Army maintained its lead in the second half, but the Mids wouldn't go away easily. After Nikki Curtis swished a jumper on Navy's second possession of the game to cut the lead to four, Army outscored Navy 11-3 over the next 5:16 to take its biggest lead of the half, 54-42, with 14:15 remaining. Campbell knocked down back-to-back three-pointers to cut the deficit in half, but Army was able to push the advantage back to 10 on a three-pointer by Erin Begonia at the midway point of the period.

The two teams traded baskets for the next few minutes before Navy made another push, closing to within five with just 2:54 to

play on Campbell's eighth triple of the contest. But the Black Knights held off the Mids down the stretch, hitting six free throws in the final 36 seconds to ice the victory.

Enright led all scorers and was two away from tying the Christl Arena scoring record with 34 points on 12-17 shooting. She also matched her career-high with 11 rebounds for her second career "double-double".

Holden finished with 21 points, two off her career-high, and dished out five assists. Hansen tallied 16 points, including a pair of three-pointers.

After setting the Army single-season three-point record just two days earlier, Hansen became the second Army player to register 100 career three-pointers. In doing so, she became the third-fastest Patriot League player ever to reach that milestone.

Several Army-Navy series records were shattered in this afternoon's tilt.

Both teams netted season-highs in the contest as the Black Knights and Mids combined for 170 points, the most scored in regulation in the series. Army's 89 points were the most scored by a Black Knight team in the history of the rivalry.

Enright's 34 points marked the highest individual scoring effort in the series, breaking the previous record of 31 by Navy's Courtney Davidson in the Jan. 31, 2004 contest. Enright also tied the Christl Arena record and the Academy school record with a career-high five three-pointers.

Army is now tied with Colgate for third place in the league standings each with identical 5-4 marks.

First-place Holy Cross remains the lone unbeaten team in the conference at 9-0 while Lehigh is two games back of the Crusaders at 7-2.

The Black Knights will now hit the road for four straight Patriot League matches starting with a Feb. 11 date with the second place Mountain Hawks on Friday at 7 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

Army's Shavonne Holden reacts as the clock runs out giving Army the win over Navy.

Second period scoring run leads Army past RMC — final score 6-1

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WEST POINT, N.Y. — Chris Garceau scored a goal and picked up an assist, and two Black Knights notched their first career goals as Army walked away with a 6 — 1 victory over Canadian rival Royal Military College in front of a sold out Tate Rink crowd of 2,865 raucous fans on Saturday night.

The win increases Army's advantage in, "the oldest continuous international rivalry in sports," to 39-29-6 overall and 25—12—1 at West Point. It marked the ninth straight win for the Black Knights inside the iron gates of the U.S. Military Academy and their third consecutive triumph overall in the 74-year history of the international rivalry.

Army is now 14—2—2 against the Paladins in the last 18 games in the series.

Army (7—15—2) potted three goals in the middle frame, all on the power play, to take a commanding 4—1 lead into the final period. After freshman Bryce Hollweg scored his

first career goal with 1:38 remaining in the opening stanza, it was Chase Podsiad stuffing home a rebound from the doorstep at 4:55 of the second.

The Paladins (8—16—1) cut the deficit in half on the power play as well at 6:21 when Dion Lahoda put the visitors on the board. However, David Andros collected his sixth goal of the season just over one minute later to restore the hosts' two-goal cushion. Garceau picked up his fourth tally of the season at 10:47 to stake Army to a three-goal lead heading into the final 20 minutes of play.

The Black Knights were 3-for-13 with the man advantage Saturday night. The Paladins finished 1-for-7. Jeff Fearing buried his first career goal 4:46 into the third period and Chris Bilec picked up his second marker of the season at 9:03 to round out the scoring.

Garceau assisted on Fearing's tally, finishing the night with two points. The Guilford, Conn., native ends his career against RMC with eight points in four games, tying him for fifth all-time at the Academy in career points

in the Army-RMC series.

Bilec, Hollweg and Andros each finished with one goal and one assist on the evening as well.

Army goalie Brad Roberts improved to 3-0 lifetime against RMC, joining the elite company of Dan Scioletti (USMA '71) as the only two netminders ever to win all three meetings against the Paladins. Roberts made 12 saves on the night and has allowed only three goals in his three games opposite RMC.

Blair Robertson made 32 saves for the Paladins, who were outshot 38-13 on the evening.

The Black Knights held Tyler Middlebrook, Canada's fifth-leading collegiate scorer, to just one shot on goal in the contest. He assisted on Lahoda's power play tally in the second period to finish with one point.

With the win, Army head coach Brian Riley joins his father, legendary head coach Jack Riley, and Len Patton as the only coaches to win their first encounter with RMC. Riley extends the family's overall record to 36-14-5. His father, Jack, rattled out a 22-11-3

mark opposite the Paladins, and his older brother Rob, punished the Redmen to the tune of 13-3-2 in his 18 years.

Rob Riley made his first appearance back at West Point's Tate Rink since stepping down from the head coaching job this past summer. In a brief ceremony at the beginning of the contest Riley received recognition of his 18 years of service to the rivalry.

Army's seniors depart the Academy 3-1 against their Canadian rivals, while the juniors wait for their opportunity to make it a clean sweep (4-0) next winter.

Both sides were whistled for a total of 32 penalty in minutes at the 5:18 mark of the second period when the two sides came together behind the RMC goal. In all, the Paladins were assessed 56 penalty minutes, while Army was hit with 36 minutes of penalties.

The win was also the 995th career triumph in Army hockey's storied history, leaving the Black Knights five shy of becoming the 11th team in the NCAA to reach 1,000 career wins.



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Chris Garceau shows his defensive skills as he moves to help defend towards Army's goal.

Stewart/Hunter Sports

Track and Field/Soccer

Registration is open and FREE to all current CYS members living on or off post. Track and Field is open to ages 6 through 18 and soccer is open to ages 4 through 15.

Deadline for registration is Mar. 11, or when teams are full.

All children must have a current physical file at time of registration.

For more information, call 767-2312/4371.

Golf Clinics

Free Saturday golf clinics are being held at Taylor Creek Golf Course for spouses and juniors, 10 - 11 a.m.

Clinics will be cancelled in case of bad weather.

For more information, call 767-2370.

Volunteer Coaches

With the deployment of our troops, assistance is desperately needed for children's sport activities. If you are interested in becoming a coach or assistant, volunteer forms are available at Bldg. 7337.

For more information or call 767-2312.

Newman

The Newman Physical Fitness Center will be closed until Sept. for renovations. Use Caro or Jordan fitness centers. The centers are open 7 days a week.

For more information, call 767-2771.

Bowling

Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. bowl for \$1 and get shoes for \$.75.

Bowl for \$1.25 and get shoes for \$1 all day Sunday, Family Day, at Marne Lanes Bowling Center.



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John Houghton delivers a back-hand to Matt Stinson. Houghton went on to defeat Stinson in two sets.

Knights' men's tennis sweeps Connecticut, Knights win 6-0

The Army men's tennis team swept all six singles matches as the Black Knights shut out Connecticut, 6 — 0, this afternoon in a non-conference match at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

The doubles portion of the match was cancelled.

With the win, the Black Knights improve to 2 — 1 on the season while the Huskies fall to 0 — 2. Earlier in the day, Army defeated Binghamton, 5 — 2.

Sophomore John Houghton

downed Matt Stinson, 6 — 1, 6 — 0, at No. 1 while classmate Michael Good upended Brian Ravesloot, 6 — 3, 6 — 3, at No. 2.

Sophomore Kevin Harris beat Sam Sutherland, 6 — 1, retired, at No. 3 while junior David Collins dropped Joe Mercuri, 6 — 0, 6 — 2, at No. 4.

Freshman Eddie Kang dispatched of Go Kumiyama, 6 — 1, 6 — 2 at No. 5 while plebe Sheldon Hodges completed the sweep with a 6 — 2, 6 — 2, win

over Christian Malerba at No. 6.

Singles —

• John Houghton (A) def. Matt Stinson (C) — 6-1, 6-0

• Michael Good (A) def. Brian Ravesloot (C) — 6-3, 6-3

• Kevin Harris (A) def. Sam Sutherland (C) — 6-1, Ret.

• David Collins (A) def. Joe Mercuri (C) — 6-0, 6-2

• Eddie Kang (A) def. Go Kumiyama (C) — 6-1, 6-2

• Sheldon Hodges (A) def. Christian Malerba (C) — 6-2, 6-2

Black Knights independent status for 2005 season

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Five teams that qualified for postseason bowl games last season and seven squads with winning records a year ago highlight Army's 2005 football schedule, the Black Knights' first Independent slate since 1997, it was announced Jan. 28 by Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson.

The 11-game schedule includes four schools hailing from Bowl Championship Series conferences, three of

which earned bowl bids in 2004. Only two of the opponents on Army's 2005 slate finished this past season with less than five victories, while the combined overall record from last season for the 11 teams included on the Black Knights' 2005 schedule reads an impressive 73 — 54 (.575). All four teams on the slate that earned postseason bowl berths last fall won those contests.

The teams' 2005 opponents include two schools from the Big 12 Conference, two from the Mountain West, two from

the Mid-American, one from the Big East and one from the Atlantic Coast. Six games at Michie Stadium are featured on the ledger, including a season long four-game homestand that stretches from mid-September through mid-October. Additionally, the Black Knights will battle service academy foes Air Force in Colorado Springs and Navy in Philadelphia.

Army's six-game home schedule includes dates with New Hampshire, Baylor, Iowa State, Connecticut, Central Michigan and Massachusetts.

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

The image of God

Chaplain (Capt.) John Jenson

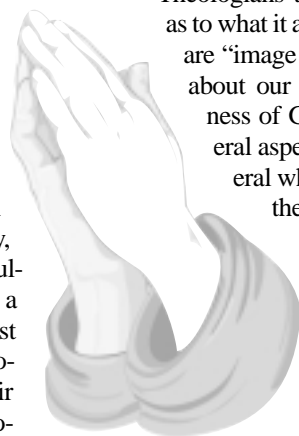
Special to The Frontline

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth." Exodus 20:4

The prohibition in the verse above is part of what is known as the Ten Commandments. It is an injunction against making idols (or images) after the likeness of creatures to represent the divine or some form of deity. What is interesting about this particular commandment is that it prohibits what has been done throughout human history; namely, that men and women from almost every culture and society on the earth have had a propensity to carve, fashion, shape, or cast some substance into an idol of sorts to promote worship of a god(s) and to aid in their understanding of the divine. Why then prohibit that which seemingly comes natural to our humanity? The anthropologist might, in fact, argue that such mandate is contrary to our very nature.

However, the prohibition should be viewed within the larger context of Scripture. In the opening verses of the Bible it states that, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:26).

Thus, it was (and remains) the intention of God that men and women serve as representations of the divine on the earth. Furthermore, the biblical narrative goes on to give a general mandate for humanity; "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28). Thus, rather



than men and women carving figures of wood, stone or metal into representations of what they perceive God to be like (i.e. fashioning a god according to their understanding) they are themselves to responsibly serve as stewards over God’s creation; thereby, reflecting His glory on the earth.

Theologians through the centuries have debated as to what it actually means that men and women are “image of God”. In other words what is it about our humanity that resembles the likeness of God? While there are perhaps several aspects that are debatable there are several which are quite apparent. One area is the desire and ability to create new things.

Humans alone have a unique aesthetic sense (i.e. an artistic eye) that causes them to change and shape their surroundings to suit them. Another area where we reflect or image the divine would be our continual quest for justice and equity. The Scriptures declare God to be a God of justice and truth. Perhaps the most important area where we as humans mirror the divine nature is in our capacity to love. Love, not merely expressed in a fondness for another human; but rather, love that is expressed through deep concern for another’s well being. This manner of love demonstrates divine attributes such as mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Herein lies the desire to restore and heal human relationships. The apostle Paul writes, “But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.” oossians 3:8-10.

Worship Opportunities		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
Kids’ Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11:00 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum’ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Marne TV

February 2005 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable
Channel 16 every weekday.

Tune in to the Marne Report six times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m. **MARNE REPORT**
6:30 a.m. Air Force News
7 a.m. Navy News
7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. **MARNE REPORT**
9 a.m. Air Force News
9:30 a.m. Navy News
11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon **MARNE REPORT**
1 p.m. Air Force News
4:30 p.m. Navy News
5 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
6 p.m. Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m. Air Force News
7 p.m. Navy News
10 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
11 p.m. Army Newswatch
Midnight **MARNE REPORT**

Volunteer Spotlight



Cari A. Walters



Cari A. Walters, a native of Kearney, Neb., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. Walters said she volunteers “to keep my knowledge regarding Ophthalmology current.” In her free time, she enjoys reading and sewing. She is married to Pfc. Geoff Walters. If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Feb. 10 - Feb. 16



Friday, Saturday and Sunday admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children.
Monday through Thursday admission is \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Meet The Fockers

Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller

Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together—which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of "getting to know you." PG-13 (violence, disturbing images and language) 115 minutes

Fat Albert

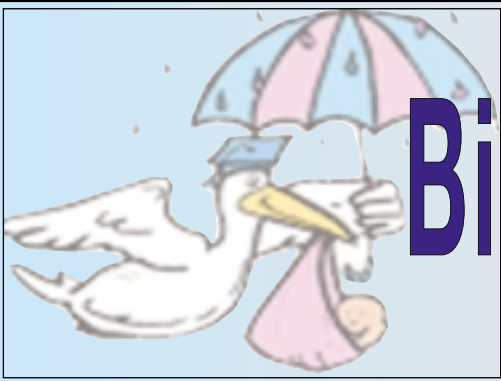
Kenan Thompson, Kyla Pratt.

Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids come to life and step out of their animated, inner-city Philadelphia, cartoon world. Literally. The crew steps out of a TV one day and into modern-day America, where they discover pop-top cans, shopping malls, rap and girls, girls, girls. PG (momentary language) 93 min.

White Noise

Michael Keaton, Chandra West.

People have always searched for a way to communicate with the other side-driven to find a way to connect with loved ones who have passed on. Jonathan Rivers, distraught after the mysterious death of his wife, is contacted by a man who claims to be receiving messages from her through something he calls electronic voice phenomena," or the "white noise" most of us hear when we flip through the radio dial. Jonathan is at first skeptical, but then becomes convinced EVP is real and tries to contact her himself. PG-13 (violence, disturbing images and language) 98 min.



Birth Announcements

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

Dec. 28

Demarion Derrick Ross, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Derrick Ross and Spc.Danielle Smith.

Jan. 23

Jason Michael Edney, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Mr. Craig N. Edney and Spc. Kathie L. McBride.

Jan. 25

Xavier Jose Olmedo, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Roberto Olmedo and Spc.Jennifer Olmedo.

Jan. 26

Jada Marie Gilbert, a girl, 9 pounds, 14

ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Richard M. Gilbert and Tracey M. Gilbert.

Jan. 27

Michael Hunter Clark-Heard, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pvt. Arjay Michael Head and Pvt. Melissa Loren Heard.

Tehani Jeniece Haruno Puitt, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Travers L. Pruitt, Sr. and Jenice L. Pruitt.

Jan. 28

Kendall Aubrey Allen, a girl, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Lt. (JG)(US Coast Guard) Ryan J. Allen and Courtney McCurry Allen.

Joseph Salature Fatta, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Cpl. Salvatore Fatta and Michelle Fatta.

George Ryan Velez, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt.Andrews W. Velez and Kathryn L. Velez.

Aidan Kayne Rosengren, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to 2nd Lt. Joshua K. Rosengren and Amanda L. Rosengren.

Jan. 29

Tricity Marie Florio, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Michael Florio and Katrina Marie Florio.

Logan Francis Mulheren, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Leonard Francis Mulheren, III and Angela Jean Mulheren.

Black Knights ————— From 3B

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Army will renew its rivalry with eastern foe Boston College the following week, traveling to Chestnut Hill, Mass., on Sept. 10. It will mark the 35th meeting between the longtime combatants, the first since 2001 and the first with the Eagles holding membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference. BC, which defeated North Carolina 37 — 24 in the 2004 Continental Tire Bowl, is set to join the ACC this fall.

The Black Knights will begin their four-game homestand Sept. 17 when they host Baylor at Michie Stadium. The teams have met just twice previously, with the last skirmish dating back to 1979. Army has not played a team that currently holds membership in the Big 12 Conference since squaring off against Kansas State in 1987, but the Black Knights will take on another school from that same BCS conference the next week when they host Iowa State. The Cyclones authored a 7 — 5 record last season, tied for the championship of the Big 12 Conference's North Division and defeated Miami (Ohio) 17 — 13 in the Independence Bowl.

Army takes on Connecticut for third straight year —

Army and Connecticut will square off for the third consecutive season Oct. 1 when the Huskies visit West Point for the second time in three years. Connecticut posted an 8-4 record in its first season as a member of the Big East Conference last fall and earned an invitation to the Motor City Bowl, where the Huskies routed Toledo 39-10.

The Black Knights will conclude their four-game homestretch seven days later for a Homecoming appearance opposite Central Michigan Oct. 8. It will mark the first meeting between the two schools and the first of two MAC

opponents for the Black Knights.

A challenging three-game road swing awaits the Black Knights with dates at TCU (Oct. 15) and Akron (Oct. 22) rounding out the month of October. Army has battled the Horned Frogs under the guise of Conference USA each of the last four years. Like Army, TCU will be departing C-USA this season, when it gains membership in the Mountain West Conference. The Black Knights and Zips have collided twice previously, with both meetings dating back to the early 1990s. Akron registered a 6 — 5 record last fall and qualified for postseason play. Following a week off, the Black Knights open November by beginning their quest for the Commander in Chief's Trophy with a visit to Air Force on Nov. 5.

Army will close out its home slate the following week, hosting Massachusetts in what will rank as just the second pairing between the schools. The Black Knights posted a 34 — 10 victory over the Minutemen in the teams' only previous matchup in 1977.

The Black Knights will conclude their 116th season of intercollegiate play on Dec. 3 when Army battles arch-rival Navy at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field. It will stand as the 106th edition of the time-honored pairing, the third Army-Navy game to be held at "The Linc," and the 79th classic to be played in the city of Philadelphia.

Head coach excited about Independent schedule —

“I like the schedule,” said head coach Bobby Ross. "I think it's a very good one. There's a good balance of football teams on it. We're playing four teams that went to bowl games last year, and all of them are very formidable foes. Our people did a remarkable job of putting together a very competitive schedule considering the fact that this will be our first year as an Independent.

"I'm excited about our return to Independent status. We're a national school. We should not be restricted to playing in a certain area of the country like we were with the conference affiliation. I'm looking forward to playing an Independent schedule. Ultimately, I like a good, tough schedule. I'm very excited about it."

Kickoff times for all Army home games are tentatively set for 1 p.m. Starting times for all road contests will be released at a later date.

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